night blindness are dealt with in the chapter of 'deficiency diseases' in the text-books of Environment Studies (Science) for class V published by the N.C.E.R.T. The NCERT has also prepared materials on early detection of visual impairment for appropriate intervention to prevent blindness.

Supply of No-Demand Certificates by DESU

1943. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government employees willing to vacate their Government accommodation in the MCD areas have to submit 'No-Demand Certificate' issued by DESU; if so, the details of the time-limit fixed for issuing these certificates and the details of guidelines issued by Government to ensure compliance of the time-limit;

(b) what are the details of cases pending in the Motia-Khan office of DESU for issuance of No-Demand Certificates and for settlement of the accounts since January, 1990;

(c) the meter-readings as noted on each occasion during the last six months in those cases, the number of cases settled, of those still pending and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any complaints have been received in this regard in that office; if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon and what action is proposed to be taken against those found delaying the clearance of those cases?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Appointment of Chairman/Managing Director of Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Ltd.

1944. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 534 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 1989 and state:

(a) whether any final decision regarding the appointment of Chairman and Managing Director of Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Ltd. has been taken so far;

(b) if so, what is the date on which the appointment was approved; and

(c) if not yet approved; what are the reasons therefor and by when the decision is likely to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Central Government have not yet satisfied themselves regarding approval of the appointment in terms of Section 269 of the Companies Act, 1956.

Measures for Pollution control in Thermal Power Stations in the country

1945. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Thermal Power Stations are based on coal in the country;

(b) what are the emission regulations prescribed by Pollution Control Board or other Government agencies for these power stations;

(c) whether these thermal power stations are equipped with necessary pollution control measures; and

(d) how much amount has been allocated during the current year for controlling pollution from thermal power stations?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) There are about 60 Thermal Power Stations in the country based on coal.

(b) Emission regulations for thermal power stations as prescribed by the Government are as under:

	Emission limits of particulate matter
Generation capacity 210 MW or more	150 mg/Nm^3
Generation capacity less than 210 MW	350 mg/Nm^3

For Sulphur dioxide emission, the guidelines issued by the Central Pollution Control Board stipulates the control through the provision of adequate stack heights for dispersion.

(c) The new Thermal Power Stations installed and being installed in the country are equipped with the necessary pollution control equipment. Centrally Sponsored Renovation & Modernisation Programme covering necessary pollution control has been launched for old Thermal Power Stations.

(d) An amount of the order of Rs. 100 crores is expected to be spent during the current financial year for pollution control measures as a part of the overall renovation and modernisation programme.

Rural Electrification in Himachal Pradesh

1946. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in Himachal Pradesh which are electrified and also the number of villages which are yet to be electrified;

(b) whether any target has been fixed for those villages which are yet to be electrified;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether any central aid has been asked for in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) Out of the total 16807 inhabited villages (as per 1981 census) in the State of Himachal Pradesh, 16,761 villages have been electrified. The remaining 46 villages are submerged/not feasible for electrification.

(d) The Planning Commission has allocated an amount of Rs. 950 lakhs for intensive electrification of villages in Himachal Pradesh during 1990-91.

Expansion of Dibrugarh Airport

1947. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the capacity of the Dibrugarh Airport;

(b) whether the runways of this airport are proposed to be extended so as to provide for night landing facilities at the airport; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) For providing night landing facilities, extension of runway is not required.

Setting up of H.M.T. watch factory in Assam

1948. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the setting up of a Hindustan Machines Tools watch factory in Assam; and